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Textile Industry Share in GDP
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

a. the percentage share of textile industry in Gross Domestic Product during the last three years and the current year along with the exports, country-wise;

b. whether India's textile sector is one of the oldest industries in Indian economy and one of the largest contributors to India's exports and if so, the present share of textile sector in India's export, State-wise;

c. whether the Indian textile sector has been facing stiff competition in the world market and if so, the assistance provided or proposed to be provided for rapid growth of the textile sector to meet the domestic consumption as well export demand;

d. whether the Government has provided subsidy under the Revised Restructured Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

e. the steps taken by the Government to modernize the textile mills and equip the textile industry competent in the international market?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)
(a): The percentage share of textile Industry in Gross Value Added (GVA) and countrywise exports of textiles in the last 3 years is given at Annex I
(b): Yes Madam. Textiles remains an important contributor to India's exports with total textile exports including handicrafts constituting 13.6 % of India's total exports to the World in 2014-15. Details, Statewise may be seen at Annex- II
(c) & (e): India is major textile exporting country . It faces competition from countries like China, Bangladesh, Italy, Germany and Vietnam in Textiles. As per UN Comtrade, 2013 data India was ranked as the 2nd largest Textile and Clothing exporter in the world with USD 40 bn after China .
The Government of India has taken several policy initiatives to provide a boost to the textile sector including offering support for Technology Upgradation , Development of the Handloom, Handicraft and Powerloom Sectors, setting up of Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), Skill Development Scheme (ISDS), Development of Technical textiles etc.
Government has also taken various initiatives to augment textile exports such as the MEIS scheme under new Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, restoring Interest rate subvention for pre and post shipment credit for the textile sector, expanding the scope of Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) since 29.10.2015 to 110 new tariff lines and increase rates or country coverage or both for 2228 existing tariff lines, increased Duty Drawback rates for some textile articles, Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme, Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme, duty free import of trimmings , embellishments and other specified item under Export Performance Certificate Entitlement Scheme.
(d): The subsidy provided by the Government under RRTUFS in 2014-15 and in 2015-16 is given at Annex III.